

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method of transferring information from a content supplier from one or more databases, such information including program(s), audio, still, data files, or video, or combinations thereof to a remote location that uses an authorizing hybrid optical disc that permits the use of such transferred information, comprising the steps of: providing an authorizing hybrid optical disc having a ROM portion and a RAM portion; providing the ROM portion to include a preformed identification signature which is impressed into the ROM portion of the disc and is arranged to be difficult for a pirate to copy; providing the RAM portion which includes user-specific encrypted information which personalizes the optical disc for that specific user and in combination with the ROM preformed identification signature provides a user-personalized secure signature; a content supplier authenticating a user using the user-personalized secure signature so as to permit a user to communicate over a network with the content supplier and the user selecting information desired to be downloaded; and downloading the selected information to the user's memory location for use by the user.

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